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SYMPOSIUM ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRADE, ABIDJAN, MAY 16-19.

1. AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) AND ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU) ARE JOINTLY SPONSORING
AN "AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRADE UNION SYMPOSIUM ON EMPLOYMENT
AND TRADE," ABIDJAN, MAY 16-19, 1978.

2. SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENT STATES MEETING BASED ON NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHERS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY RE TRADE PATTERNS, ECONOMIC CHANGES, EFFECTS ON EMPLOYMENT. PREAMBLE SAYS "LABOR MOVEMENTS IN BOTH US AND AFRICA ARE CONCERNED THAT INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE CONCERNS OF WORKERS, OFTEN THE FORGOTTEN PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT, WHO HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN SEEING THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS LEAD TO JOB CREATION, JOB SECURITY, AND A FAIRER DISTRIBUTION OF RETURNS FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRADE RELATED FOREIGN INVESTMENT AS A WAY TO ACHIEVE TRUE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." IT IS HOPED THAT THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL PROVOKE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN AFRICA AND THE US.

3. PARTICIPANTS:

A. OATUU - SECGEN DENNIS AKUMU, ASST SECGEN ALI MOHAMMED IBRAHIM
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B. AALC - EXEC DIRECTOR PAT O'FARRELL, DEPUTY EXEC
DIRECTOR JERRY FUNK, SPECIAL ASSISTANT DAVID BROMBART,
CONTROLLER ROBERT RICHTER

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ALBERT SHANKER - PRES., AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
(AFT) AND AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENT

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4. DRAFT PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION TOPICS.

A) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON FAIR LABOR STANDARDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE FOUNDATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRADE POLICIES -- AKUMU, O'FARRELL, OTHERS.

B) DIALOGUE ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRADE:

1) CANTOR - "AFL-CIO POSITION ON ORDERLY TRADE EXPANSION AND REQUIRED EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE UNEMPLOYMENT"

2) FINLEY - "AMERICAN LABOR AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE
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PROBLEMS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN.

3) AKUMU - "PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS."

4) ISSIFU - "AFRICAN TRADE UNION CONCERNS FOR ORDERLY
TRADE EXPANSION."

C) COMPARITIVE CASE STUDIES:

1) SHEEHAN - "US LABOR'S RELATIONS WITH THE US CONGRESS
AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

2) DIALLO - "THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
COUNCILS AND TRIPARTITE ECONOMIC PLANNING STRUCTURES IN
AFRICA."

D) ADDRESSES ON ECONOMIC GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

1) CANTOR - "US LABOR VIEWS ON THE FLOW OF INVESTMENT
AND TECHNOLOGY."

2) BARNABO - "AFRICAN LABOR VIEWS OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH
PROCESS."

E) PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON:

1) "CHALLENGE OF PRESERVING AND GENERATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES -- HOW TO REACH THE UNEMPLOYED."

2) "RESTRUCTURING EXISTING ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND TRADING
PATTERNS."

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COMPANION WORKING DOCUMENTS WILL ACCOMPANY CERTAIN OF THE
ABOVE DISCUSSIONS.

5. SYMPOSIUM BEING MOUNTED AS AALC REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECT.
AALC INFORMING ABIDJAN DIRECTLY. APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE
AND COURTESIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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